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CONFERENCE ON HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS

It is finally here! The Conference on Handicapped Individuals has adopted a transition plan to become a membership organization, and we are recruiting members on a state level and are planning the establishment of Regional groups.

The Conference on Handicapped Individuals will be a new and dynamic voice for the disabled people of the Commonwealth of Pa. This will be a unique group in that it will bring together the disabled, parents of disabled people, providers of services and all people interested in the handicapped. The initial object of the organization will be the realization of those goals put forth by the delegates to the Governor's Conference at Hershey in December, 1976 and the White House Conference in May, 1977. The aims of the organization will not be limited to these however, but will include the continual assessment of the needs and concerns of handicapped individuals and the dissemination of knowledge and information relative to these needs and concerns throughout the Commonwealth.

In the initial stages the current Board of Directors will function. As Regions get organized, the members in each Region will select Directors to represent the Region. It is hoped that by November of 1978 a newly elected Board of Directors and slate of officers will be in place.

The plans for the Conference on Handicapped Individuals include holding



Members of Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Inc. hard at work during a meeting at the Easter Seal Society Headquarters, in Middletown, Pa.

a state conference every two years, in various sites throughout the Commonwealth. One of the things that will take place at this meeting will be the election of Officers of the Conference on Handicapped Individuals, (C.H.I.)

The strength of this organization must come from the Regions (For the time being the Regional structure will be the same one used for the Governor's Conference).

Members are being recruited TODAY! Please join in this important venture. Dues are \$3.00 a person and are being collected on a state wide level and as the regions are organized, portions of the monies collected will be turned over to the regions.

Dues can be sent to:

Carl Odhner
5470 Oswego Drive
RD 6

Bethlehem, PA 18017

For further information contact:

- Bonnie Gellman
Mayor's Office for the Handicapped
Rm. 428 City Hall Annex
Philadelphia, PA 19107
- Frank J. Nemshick
603 N. Blue Ribbon Ave.
Harrisburg, PA 17112
- Ruth & George Brenyo
229 Castle Drive
West Mifflin, PA 15122

Take part in the formation of our new and exciting venture. Tell your friends.
WE NEED YOU!

National Architectural Barrier Awareness Week, 1978

Proclamations issued, by the President of the United States, and by the Governor of Pennsylvania, Milton J. Shapp, have proclaimed the third week in May Architectural Awareness Week, for the handicapped.

This is to bring to light the immense need for the American public to be aware of the problems faced by our handicapped population of accessibility because of various architectural barriers. These barriers may be something someone without a handicap may overcome easily but someone who is handicapped may have trouble or may not overcome it with or without help. A good example would be curbs on sidewalks, whereas, a person without a handicap may easily step up on a curb, someone in a wheelchair will probably have great difficulty in "stepping" up that same curb to get access to the sidewalk or the building in which he would like to enter.

The answer to this architectural problem and to many others is to have the public be aware of these architectural barriers. The public at large should realize that disabled people also want to participate in all facets of society. This is a right everyone should enjoy. Barriers in both architectural and attitudes which may prevent the disabled from obtaining the opportunities of employment and services taken for granted by others.

By reducing and at times abolishing barriers, from our public buildings and even from privately owned business, would be to the better interests of both the public at large and the handicapped. To quote from the Presidents proclamation, he is asking that, "all Americans to do all that lies within their power to remove these unnecessary barriers and to eliminate any lingering social and psychological stigma surrounding disabilities. Together we can make access a reality for all Americans".

The Governor, Milton Shapp, points out: "that the "504" regulations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 has mandated that the demeaning practices and injustices that have affected the handicapped citizens of the Commonwealth of Penna. must be

eliminated and that equal opportunity be afforded to all the disabled population of this state and we must do everything possible to bring this about.

That Time of Year

Businessmen who are beginning to compute their taxes for calendar year 1977 ought to be reminded that the internal Revenue Code now allows the taxpayer to deduct in any taxable year beginning after 12/31/76 and before 1/1/80, the costs of "qualified" architectural and transportation barrier removal expenses. "Qualified" costs are those incurred for removing barriers in any facility or public transportation vehicle owned or leased for use in a trade or business. The maximum amount deductible for any taxable year is \$25,000. Further information about the new tax provision may be obtained by writing to the legislation and Regulations Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, 111 Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20224.

Access to Museums for All

Museums have many problems in making their resources available to the handicapped beyond accessibility of the building. Exhibit design and the interpretations of guides must take into consideration the needs of visitors with many disabilities as well as the general public. In addition handicapped persons, who have often not thought of themselves as part of the museum audience, must be encouraged to use the facilities which are accessible. MUSEUM ACCESS is a project working to increase museum use by handicapped visitors in southeastern Pennsylvania by tackling all of these problems together.

Sponsored by the Lehigh County Historical Society and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities a federal agency, MUSEUM ACCESS is operating in a sixteen county area bounded by a line from Stroudsburg to Chambersburg, the Maryland boundary, and the Delaware River, excluding metropolitan Philadelphia.

MUSEUM ACCESS staff members

include Project Director Dr. Alice P. Kenney, Chairman of the history department at Cedar Crest College. She is the author of numerous articles including two on museum accessibility in Museum News, 1974 and Jan.-Feb. 1977. Associate Director Leslie J. Workman, formerly a member of the history departments at Muhlenburg and Western Colleges. Anyone interested in contributing items to or receiving the project newsletter is invited to write to Dr. Kenney at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Penna. 18104.

Proposed Plans by Clarion State College to Become Accessible

Clarion State College has long recognized the need to serve the significant population of physically handicapped persons, collectively, persons with handicaps represent 2.94 million persons. Many of these persons have the interest and aptitude and are otherwise qualified to benefit from the college level and continuing education programs offered at C.S.C.

Our project has two goals; (1) to remove barriers that limit access to college facilities, and (2) to provide a work experience and training in basic construction skills for qualified persons.

The federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare has mandated through regulation that all colleges which receive federal funds comply with sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. As required by the regulations, C.S.C. prepared a transition plan listing the architectural changes which must be accomplished by June, 1980. This plan listed renovations and improvements totaling an estimated \$1.5 million.

The Grand Stand

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Francis X. Coyle, Chr.
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The Honorable Milton J. Shapp
Governor of Pennsylvania

John H. Snyder, Governor's Advocate
for the Physically Handicapped

Gratitude Takes Form of Donation to BVR

Apparently out of gratitude for services rendered her by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, a former client has remembered this state agency in her will with a bequest of \$5743.99. The money was left by Ann Rogan of Upper Darby to the Bureau's Rosemont District Office that serves the area in which she lived.

BVR Director John A. Hagan has announced the money will be used to furnish a public lounge in that office,

designated The Ann Rogan Memorial Lounge. A wall plaque in the lounge will commemorate "a warm hearted woman, who rewarded the kindness of this office with a gift well beyond expectation or desire".

Though client gratitude is not new to this Bureau which specialized in helping disabled people overcome job handicaps so they can work, a cash bequest did come as something of a surprise. It was the first such gift in the Bureau's history.

GRAND OPENING THE GARDEN OF FIVE SENSES



With the beginning of Spring and its bringing of flowers, people have started to visit one of the new and most beautiful gardens in this state, The Garden of Five Senses in Lancaster County.

Finally, the Garden of Five Senses reaches completion! Opening day was May 24, 1978.

The ceremony started at 2:00. Guest speakers included Mr. Al Hydeman, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs, and Mr. John H. Snyder, the Governor's Advocate for the Physically Handicapped.

The Lancaster County Park Board

recognize all those organization and individuals that made this marvelous facility possible.

The Lampeter-Strasburg Concert Band provide music for this memorable occasion.

Spring flowers and the weather cooperated with the plans of this opening ceremony. The rhododendrons was in bloom as where the daffodils and azaleas.

Two Compliance Staff to Participate in Easter Seal Seminars

Washington, D.C.--Two members of the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (A&TBCB) will be among faculty serving on summer seminars sponsored by the National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

The seminars will focus on accessibility for physically handicapped persons.

A&TBCB staff participating in the series will be executive director Robert M. Johnson and compliance director Peter L. Lassen.

The A&TBCB was created by Congress in 1973 to enforce the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. It states that all buildings designed, built, altered or leased by the U.S. government since Aug. 12, 1968, must be accessible to all persons.

The four training seminars will be held June 1-2 in Atlanta; June 21-22 in Kansas City, Mo., July 11-12, Cambridge, Mass., and July 27-28 at Oakland, Calif.

Johnson, 41, A&TBCB director since August 1977 joined federal service in 1960 as a management intern with the Department of Labor. After six years in Labor's Seattle office, he returned to Washington, D.C. where he has held numerous assignments, including director of the Office of Manpower in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Lassen, 38, A&TBCB compliance director since 1975, is a former health care facilities specialist for the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA). He coordinated the revision of VA construction standards to provide a barrier-free environment for handicapped persons in all VA facilities. Lassen is former executive director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, a federally chartered organization.

For more information about the seminars, designed for professionals in state Easter Seal societies and state departments of Vocational Rehabilitation, contact Rita McGaughey, National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 2023 W. Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60612; telephone (312) 243-8400.

Outdoor Activities Made Available to the Handicapped Through Easter Seal Summer Camps

The boy in the wheelchair was in tears when it was time to leave camp last summer, but no one seemed to mind. For, in fact, these were tears of joy as a result of two weeks in the outdoors at this special summer camp for handicapped children and adults operated by the Easter Seal for Crippled Children and Adults of Pennsylvania.

It may seem impossible that children and adults in wheelchairs, with braces on their legs, or restricted to crutches could take part in outdoor activities at a summer camp. But rehabilitating experts agree that camping offers the disabled helpful therapy they could not receive in a clinic.

The four Easter Seal camps in Pennsylvania are especially designed to meet the needs of the handicapped but almost everything else is just like any other camp. The handicapped campers have the chance to swim, hike, boat and sleep under the stars just like others without handicaps.

Programs at these Easter Seal camps are designed to help these people realize their full potential, whatever that potential might be. In the more strenuous games, each child competes only against himself, not against the others around him. And the oldsters can relax and have a vacation at the speed they wish to take. Here, they have the chance to experience nature firsthand, many are on their own for the first time.

The four camps of the Pennsylvania Easter Seal Society are supported by contributions to Easter Seals from citizens from all over Pennsylvania. These camps are accredited by the American Camping Association, which, with the Easter Seal Society, sets the highest standards for camps.

With a handicapped youngster or adult, a camp vacation is looked forward to throughout the year...a time to greet old friends and make new lifelong acquaintances.

"The World is Mine"

Author Unknown

*Today upon a bus I saw a girl with golden hair.
She seemed so gay I envied her and wished that I were half so fair.
I watched her as she rose to leave and saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one leg and wore a crutch, but as she passed—a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two legs and the world is mine.*

*Later on I bought some sweets. The boy who sold them had such charm.
I thought I'd stop and talk awhile.
If I were late, 'twould do no harm. And as we talked he said, "Thank you, sir. You've really been so kind. It's nice to talk to
Folks like you because you see, I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two eyes and the world is mine.*

*Later walking down the street I met a boy with eyes so blue; But he stood and watched the others play—it seemed he knew not what to do.
I paused, and then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?"
But he looked straight ahead without a word, and then I knew, he couldn't hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two ears and the world is mine.*

*Two legs to take me where I go; two eyes to see the sunset's glow; Two ears to hear all that I should know.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I'm blest indeed--this world is mine.*

*Submitted by Grover C. Gouker
Dale Carnegie Courses*

Airport Access Guide for Handicapped Travelers

"Access Travel: Airports," a new and expanding edition of the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board's airport access guide for handicapped travelers, has been published by the federal Aviation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The 20-page guide, which is being distributed free by the Consumer Information Center of the U.S. General Services Administration, lists 69 accessibility features to 220 airport terminals around the world. Reserved parking, ramps, accessible restrooms, and lowered telephones are some of the features indicated.

Covering the special needs of people who are blind, deaf, aged, or use wheelchairs, the guide lists airports in alphabetical order beginning with Aberdeen, Scotland, and ending with Zurich, Switzerland. The booklet also includes information on how travelers

with special needs can make advance arrangements to assure a pleasant and comfortable air trip.

Single free copies of the guide may be ordered from the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 619-F, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Television Special on 504

On Saturday June 10th at 7:30 P.M. the WGAL Spotlight Series, Channel 8, will feature a program entitled "Whys and Wherefores of 504 Regulations".

The program will discuss the 504 regulations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the work being done by task forces working on the recommendations for implementation.

Rhoads Stauffer, Eleanor Gordon, M.D., William Graffius and John H. Snyder will appear with Edna Silberman, Director of the Aurora Club, who is the host and coordinator for the Spotlight Series. Alan Culston will sign throughout the half hour show.

Commonwealth Child Development Committee Focuses on Handicapped Children

The Commonwealth child Development Committee as the Governor's Advocate for Children and Children's services, has an ongoing concern about the delivery of services to handicapped children.

The Early Childhood Special Needs Subcommittee is currently focusing on Public Law 94-142 and the impact it will have on services to handicapped children and families in Pennsylvania.

On October 1, 1977, the Education to all Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (PL94-142) took effect. This law often referred to as "the Bill of Rights for Handicapped Children," ensures that a free appropriate public education is available for all handicapped children from 3 to 18 in the least restrictive

environment except in cases where it would be inconsistent with state law or practice.

In Pennsylvania, state law provides education for all children at the age of 5.7 years, or first grade. Most local education agencies (IV's or School Districts) offer Kindergarten and some even offer prekindergarten to children.

Over 3,000 handicapped children from age 0-4.7 do receive services through P.L. 89-313, the Amendment to Title I of the Education and Secondary Act (ESEA). These services are offered early enough in the child's development that the need for special services and institutionalization is often lessened or in some cases eliminated.

The eventual goal of the Education for

all Handicapped Children Act is to combine all of the various funding streams, including PL89-313. If this happens, thousands of children with special needs could lose services. Unless a maintenance of service provision is either included in the federal mandate or adopted as a state policy.

The Department of Education has obtained a federal Implementation Grant to identify the varied resources, regulations and services available and the impact these services have on the children with handicaps in Pennsylvania. The CCDC's Subcommittee is working closely with the Grant Coordinator, Bernadette Reidy to ensure that the maximum number of children be served and that no services, aid or existing community resources be eliminated.

PARF Annual Conference Update

It will be held on November 2 and 3 at the Marriott Motor Inn, Philadelphia. PARF also encourages the submission of professional papers for presentation at the PARF Annual Conference. Acceptable for submission before the June 30 deadline are:

- Published and unpublished monographs
- Scholarly papers
- Detailed descriptions of innovative programming
- Research abstracts

Papers should be of sufficient length to allow for a 5-10 minute presentation, but in no case should they exceed 15 minutes in length:

All papers will be reviewed by members of the Conference Planning Committee. Selection for presentation will be made based on topical merit, clarity of narrative and organization of material.

The committee will also make its selection to ensure that a cross section of topics of interest to the rehabilitation profession will be represented. Individuals employed in the field, as well as graduate students in rehabilitation, are encouraged to submit.



Richard Miller, II, of Steelton, winner of the Governor's Best of Show Award at the Fifth Annual Pennsylvania Art Show for the Mentally Retarded, proudly gazes at his prizewinning ribbon. Richard is flanked by Aldo Colautti, left, State Secretary of Public Welfare, and Peter P. Pollone, Deputy Secretary for Mental Retardation.

Papers will be presented by the authors only to ensure adequate command of material and familiarity with relevant background data.

Please include name, address, agency or university and telephone number on all papers. For more information, contact Mr. Frank Botto at 215-631-2583.

All papers should be submitted in typewritten form, in triplicate, by June 30, 1978, to:

1978 PARF Conference Committee
c/o Mr. Frank Botto
Shopmates, Inc.
Norristown State Hospital
Norristown, Pa. 19401

UCP & AHA Will Hold Annual Conference and Bowling Tournament

The eleventh annual conference and bowling tournament of The Adult Handicapped Association of United Cerebral Palsy of Pennsylvania will be held at the Hotel Brunswick, North Queen and Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pa. June 12-15, 1978. Guest speaker for dinner Monday evening will be the Rev. Theodore Schneider, founder of U.C.P. of Lancaster County. A.H.A. members will be presented with the opportunity to discuss problems and issues with the officers and committee chairpersons at a Get Acquainted session from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. following dinner.

Activities for Tuesday June 13 will get under way with a Delegates Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Workshops will start at 10:00 a.m., these workshops will be Awareness of Legal Action, Awareness of Dance, and Awareness of Family. The theme for luncheon is Community Awareness with greetings by Mayor Richard Scott of the Red Rose City and happenings in the Square. Margaret Krash of D-DAN will be present to speak on the subject of Advocacy. The afternoon workshops will be Awareness of Sexuality, Decorating Awareness and Beauty Awareness.

"Outstanding Citizen of the Year" award will be presented to that particular person at the 7:00 p.m. banquet. Guest speaker will be Dr. Dorothea Glass of Moss Rehabilitation Center of Philadelphia, her subject will be "The Handicapped Persons Place in 1978."

Wednesday morning following

breakfast Bowlers will leave for the Bowling Tournament at Leisure Lanes. For the non Bowlers there will be a Chess Tournament and a Downtown Lancaster Tour as well as County Tours. "The Ole Sheriff" Bob Montgomery will conduct a live radio broadcast from the Conference 1:15-6:00 p.m. Awareness of the Pennsylvania Dutch is the theme for the 7:00 p.m. dinner as everyone sits down to a family-style dinner.

The conference will close Thursday morning and the activities will center about the General Assembly starting at 9:30 a.m.

There will be door prizes, dancing, happy hours, and a good time for everyone.

State Department of Transportation Accepts Aid for Transportation Handicapped

Applications for more than two million dollars in aid for transportation of handicapped persons by nonprofit corporations and agencies are now being accepted by the State Transportation Department.

Under the federally funded program administered by PennDOT, 80 percent of the cost of vehicles, facilities and related equipment used to transport handicapped persons will be paid.

The program is open to private, non-profit corporations that will provide needed transportation for handicapped and elderly persons that cannot be provided by existing services.

Applicants are required to notify all existing transportation services, both

public and private of their intention to apply for these grants.

They must also have their service included as part of the local or regional transportation plan.

Applications must be filed with PennDOT by June 1, 1978 to be eligible for 996,000 of the grant money.

An additional \$1,132,000 will be available to applicants with applications filed by June 1, 1979.

Interested persons should contact the Bureau of Mass Transit System, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120.

During the past two years, PennDOT has awarded \$1.8 million in such grants permitting the purchase of 175 of these specially equipped vehicles.

Special equipment includes wheelchair ramps or lifts, wheelchair tie-downs, special steps and handrails and related devices.

Sunshine Meetings

June 5-8

Therapeutic Recreation Institute
University of Pittsburgh
Johnstown, Pa.

June 9

Meeting--Advisory Comm. for M. H. and M. R.,
326 Health and Welfare Building, Harrisburg,
Pa. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

June 12th & 13th

Implementation Committee of the Governor's
Conference on Handicapped Individuals,
Easter Seal Society
3975 Conshohocken Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 14

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